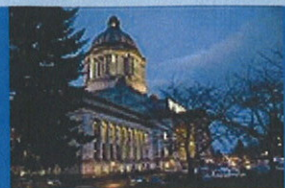


# TRANSPORTATION

## 21<sup>st</sup> Legislative District Town Hall



### Key Facts:

- Federal recovery funds will help create 3,500 jobs on state projects
- State recovery projects total more than \$341 million
- Local projects will invest more than \$18,000,000 in our economy
- You can track any project online
- Legislators approve a two year budget for transportation
- Gas tax dollars are used only for transportation
- Our community will receive over \$60 million in state spending

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### Transportation Projects Mean Good Jobs Now



With the passage of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) by the Congress last month, Washington state will receive several billion dollars to invest in our economy.

**We have a plan:** The Legislature has already approved a plan to invest **\$341 million** in federal funds in statewide transportation projects. *These investments will create 3,500 jobs* and construct, maintain and preserve our state's critical infrastructure. In Snohomish County, the State will invest in improvements to Highway 2 and I-5.

**Local Projects:** In addition to the state's investment, local governments are receiving federal recovery funds as well. Here is a brief list of local projects that will create local jobs for our community.

- **City of Edmonds:** \$1,000,000 for the Annual Asphalt Overlay Maintenance
- **City of Lynnwood:** \$1,250,000 for the 196th Street Pedestrian Bridge
- **City of Mountlake Terrace:** \$1,000,000 for the 52nd Ave Reconstruction Overlay
- **City of Mountlake Terrace:** \$425,000 for the Transit Center Upper Parking Area
- **City of Mukilteo:** \$1,100,000 for the Harbour Pointe Boulevard Street Rebuild
- **Community Transit:** \$13,024,814 to Replace 41 Aging Transit Vehicles
- **Community Transit:** \$1,095,645 for Critical Preventative Maintenance

For more information on these projects, or to track the progress of any state or federal projects receiving recovery funding visit one of these websites:

**Federal Government:** [www.recovery.gov](http://www.recovery.gov) -- **State Government:** [www.recovery.wa.gov](http://www.recovery.wa.gov)

### State Transportation Budget: Two Year Plan, 2009-2011

Every two years, the Legislature approves a two year budget for transportation projects across the state. Our state constitution requires that gas taxes and vehicle fees be used exclusively for transportation improvements, guaranteeing that our roads are well-maintained.

In 2005, the Legislature approved the Transportation Partnership Act, which increased the state's gas tax by 9.5 cents over ~~several~~ years. In November 2005, our state's citizens voted to approve this action, ~~and~~ the projects that it would fund.

As a result of these wise decisions, this year our state **will** construct more transportation improvements than ever before in state history!

For our district, there are several major projects that are included in the 2009-2011 Transportation Budget:

- **I-5/196<sup>th</sup> Street Interchange:** \$35 million to build new ramps
- **Sound Transit Mountlake Terrace Garage:** \$16 million to construct a freeway station
- **Asphalt Paving:** \$8 million to repave and improve Boeing Freeway and the Speedway



# For Your Information

*Here are a couple other items of interest for your information*

- Legislators' goal for ferries is safe, affordable and predictable service that is sustainable over the long-term horizon.
- WSF's long-range plan and citizens' suggestions will help inform the Legislature's final decision on ferries this session.
- Senate Bill 5768 would designate the Viaduct's replacement as a 4-lane deep bore tunnel.

## Keeping Our State Ferries Afloat

Washington State Ferries (WSF)'s budget is in tough shape. It does not have enough money to maintain existing service levels, replace aging vessels and keep terminals in proper shape. But lawmakers and citizens alike are working to stabilize it and build a ferry system that's safe and affordable, providing good, sustainable service on our marine highways.

How did this happen? Voters eliminated the motor vehicle excise tax in 1999, devastating WSF's finances, and that critical revenue source has never been replaced. But there was also bloat in the budget, and mismanagement.

Since 2006, the Legislature has directed a massive effort to scrutinize the budget for efficiencies, develop better ways of doing business, evaluate new revenue options, and create a long-term sustainable plan for the ferry system. This is the year that plan comes together. Tough, new leaders are now in charge at the ferry system. They are working with the legislature and the public to develop the most economical, sustainable and reliable path forward.

The current plan does include relocating the Mukilteo Ferry Terminal onto the US Air Force property on the Mukilteo waterfront. The planned relocation of the Edmonds Ferry Terminal will require additional study to contain the costs of the project.

## Mega Project Update

There are major projects underway that will affect traffic throughout the Puget Sound transportation network. These major projects are critical links for the safe movement of people and goods in our state.

### ***Alaskan Way Viaduct***

Senate Bill 5768 endorses a 4-lane deep bore tunnel as the preferred design to replace the Alaskan Way Viaduct. The bill caps the state's contribution at \$2.4 billion, money which has already been earmarked for this project from voter-approved taxes. The bill also calls for up to \$400 million in tolls. The bill passed the Senate on a 43-6 vote, and has been scheduled for a hearing before the House Transportation Committee.

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